

STORMWATER OFFICE LAUNCHES 2016 RAIN BARREL PROGRAM -- ORDER YOURS TODAY!

The deadline for mail orders is Tuesday, May 3, and the deadline for online credit card orders is Sunday, May 8, 2016.

The Town of Merrillville Stormwater Utility department is launching its 2016 town-wide rain barrel program for residents and businesses and other Northwest Indiana residents interested in purchasing a rain barrel. A rain barrel is a container that collects and stores rainwater from your roof that would otherwise be lost to runoff and diverted to storm drains and streams. This water is typically used to water plants, trees, shrubs and lawns. The advantages are they save you money, help reduce stormwater pollution, conserve water supply resources and are better for plants and gardens.

These 55-gallon rain barrels are made from recycled food grade barrels and are available in terra cotta, gray, blue or black for \$54.00 each if paid by check, or in the same four colors by online orders with a credit card for \$56.50 each, which includes a \$2.50 processing fee. The price remains the same as 2015.

The program is being coordinated by UpCycle Products, Inc., and order forms are available at the Merrillville Stormwater Resource Center at 7404 Broadway. They are also available at the Merrillville Municipal Complex, 7820 Broadway, in the Clerk-Treasurer's office, Planning and Building office and the Town Manager's office. Forms are also available at the Public Works (Street) Department office located at 13 West 73rd Avenue and the Parks Department office at the Pruzin Center, 5750 Tyler Place. The deadline for mail orders is May 3rd, and the deadline for online credit card orders is May 8th.

You can order online at www.upcycle-products.com. On the right hand side of the home page is a section for order forms; click on the form for "Indiana Municipal Programs" and then click on "Merrillville". Completed order forms sent by mail with payment in the form of a check or money order should be sent directly to UpCycle Products at P.O. Box 315, Channahon, IL 60410. Residents can call UpCycle Products at (815) 735-9583 with questions.

The rain barrels must be ordered through UpCycle Products and not through the town. The pickup date, time and location are as follows: **Tuesday, May 10, 2016, from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm** in the Merrillville Stormwater Resource Center parking lot, 7404 Broadway. A paid receipt is required at the time of pickup to verify purchase information. For those residents who are unable to pick up the rain barrel on May 10th, they are asked to arrange for pick up that day by a relative, friend or neighbor.

For further information, call the Stormwater office at (219) 472-8668 or by visiting the town's website at www.merrillville.in.gov or directly at UpCycle Products online at www.upcycle-products.com.

Click here for a copy of the printable [brochure](#) with order form.